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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION REQUEST

PATENT
8524/71226

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Victor SMIT et al.	Confirmation:	5096
Serial No.:	08/807,506	Art Unit:	1648
Filed:	February 27, 1997	Examiner:	A. Boesen
For:	Gradual modification, super-agonists and antagonists of signal-proteins and peptides		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 9, 2009

Sir:

Applicants hereby request in the concurrently filed Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including February 9, 2009, to make this reply timely, the due date for response being Monday, February 9, 2009, the first business day after Saturday, February 7, 2009.

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2008 entered in the above-captioned matter, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks beginning on page 8 of this paper.